



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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Captain Stephen Honda, U.S. Navy Chief of Public Affairs U.S. Transportation Command

Capt. Honda is a 1970 graduate of California State University Fresno with a bachelor's degree in radio and television. He received a master's degree in international relations from Salve Regina College in 1990, and was graduated from the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., in 1990, and the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., in 1993.

The captain enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1970 and served on active duty as a cryptologic technician (administrative) with the Naval Security Group Activity in Honolulu, Hawaii, from 1971 to 1973.

He was commissioned an ensign in June 1974 upon completion of Officer Candidate School at Newport, R.I. His first assignment was recruiting officer, Navy Recruiting District Kansas City, Mo. In December 1974, Captain Honda was reassigned to the guided missile cruiser USS FOX (CG 33), homeported in San Diego. While aboard USS FOX, he qualified as a surface warfare officer.

He was reassigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-96) Washington, D.C. in July 1978. There he served as an electronic warfare/counter C3 analyst.

In 1980, Captain Honda was accepted for a change of designator to special duty public affairs and was assigned to the Office of Information at the Pentagon, where he served as a news desk action officer.

From 1981 to 1982, he was assigned to the Naval Military Personnel Command as the assistant public affairs detailer.

Other assignments have taken Captain Honda to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, as officer in charge, SEVENTH Fleet Public Affairs Representative; public affairs officer, Carrier Group FIVE/Commander Task Force 70/77 embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS MIDWAY (CV 41); and deputy director, Navy Office of Information West, Los Angeles.

From 1990 to 1993, Captain Honda was the public affairs officer for the Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va. He was the deputy, then chief of public affairs for the U.S. Transportation Command from 1993-1996. From 1996-2001, Captain Honda was the public affairs officer, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe. He assumed his present duties as the chief of public affairs, U.S. Transportation Command in October 2001.

Captain Honda's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with gold star), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with gold star), Joint Service Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster), and other unit and campaign medals.

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